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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: T. Saito Attorney Docket No.: NAI118755  
Application No.: 10/070,157 Art Unit: 1635 / Confirmation No.: 9352  
Filed: July 12, 2002 Examiner: R.A. Schnizer  
Title: METHOD FOR PERFORATING MEMBRANE  
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT  
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

May 19, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|                    | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |   | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For |   | Present<br>Extra |   | Rate |   | Additional<br>Fee |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------|---|------|---|-------------------|
| Total Claims       | 46  | - | 66  | = | 0                | x | 25   | = | 0                 |
| Independent Claims | 4   | - | 7   | = | 0                | x | 100  | = | 0                 |
| TOTAL              |   |   |   |   |                  |   |      |   | \$0               |

B. Additional Enclosures

1. Form PCT/IB/304
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
3. List of cited reference
4. 1 reference
5. Certification Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)
6. Check No. 170591 for \$180.00 for citing reference after the mailing date of the final Office Action.

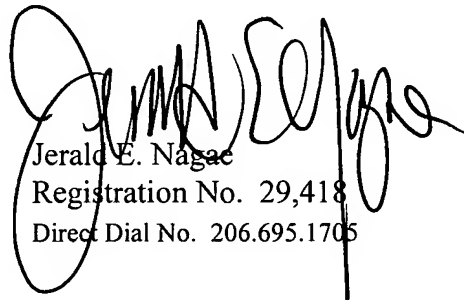
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C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

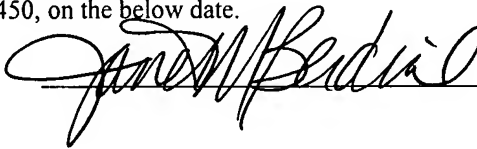
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: